

# Can't wait to TIE THE KNOT?

*Get your diary...  
it's time to start  
the preparations!*



## 1 YEAR TO GO

- Decide on the date.
- Set your budget.
- Make an appointment to see the minister if you are marrying in a church, or the registrar if you're having a civil marriage.
- Make a list of the guests.
- Book the florist and the photographer.
- Book the wedding reception and transport.
- Start looking for your dress.
- Decide on the best man, bridesmaids and the ushers.
- Confirm all bookings in writing.



## 6 MONTHS TO GO

- Order the wedding stationery.
- Send out the invitations.
- Arrange the first fitting for your wedding dress.
- Pick the bride's wedding shoes and accessories.
- Choose outfits for the groom, best man, bridesmaids, fathers, mothers and ushers.
- Organise rings for the bride and groom.
- Look for a band or DJ to play at the reception.
- Take out wedding insurance.
- Book the honeymoon and check your passports.
- Consult your hairdresser about the day.



## 3 MONTHS TO GO

- Buy your marriage licence from the registrar.
- Decide on your wedding list and circulate to guests.
- Order the cake.
- Confirm ceremony details with the registrar or minister.
- Buy gifts for the best man, ushers and bridesmaids.
- Discuss seating plan with the caterer.
- If your honeymoon is abroad, arrange necessary vaccinations.
- Plan your hen and stag parties.
- Notify your bank, building society and relevant authorities of the date that your name will change.



## 1 MONTH TO GO

- Arrange for a final fitting of your wedding dress.
- Confirm the arrangements in writing with the reception venue, caterer, florist, photographer, transport provider and others.
- Confirm the honeymoon arrangements.
- Have hen and stag nights.
- Finalise the reception seating plan with the caterer.
- Arrange a wedding rehearsal.
- The groom, best man and bride's father should write, time and practice their speeches.



## 1 WEEK TO GO

- Have the wedding rehearsal.
- Pack for your honeymoon.
- Get foreign currency.
- Wear your wedding shoes around the house to break them in.
- Have your nails manicured.
- Go for a walk, take some gentle exercise and relax.



## ON THE DAY

- Have a relaxing bath or shower.
- Eat a healthy breakfast of cereal, fruit or granary toast.
- Meet up with the best man and give him the rings, luggage, greeting cards and any last-minute instructions.
- Bridesmaids and page boys arrive.
- Have your hair styled and your makeover.
- Bride and bridesmaids get dressed.
- The photographer arrives and takes the prearranged photographs.
- The first wedding car takes the mother and the bridesmaids to the venue.
- The bride and her father stand at the entrance with the bridesmaids to be greeted by the attendant.

